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SOUNDINGS

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD

LEVEL ONE

LEARNING LIFE ALL OVER AGAIN

BISHOP DON MAIER

The woman was recounting her life in faith. She told how she was baptized at the age of nineteen. She commented: "Once I was baptized, I realized that I needed to learn life all over again." She had learned one way of life for nineteen years. Then Christ came into the center, and nothing was the same anymore.

BAPTISM

Perhaps my chief lament for most of us is that we give such small attention to adult conversions. It seems they come about almost incidentally and accidentally in our parishes. I don't see many parishes that have thoughtfully conceived and intentionally designed processes for supporting adults to and through baptism into a whole new orientation in life, with Christ at the center.

Yet we have available to us a tremendous resource, the liturgical year. At its inception, the Easter Cycle, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost, was designed with adult converts in mind. The lectionary for Lent was chosen to support people in the transition from darkness to light, from death to life. The Great Fifty Days between Easter and Pentecost was given to establishing newly baptized persons in a new life focused on the Risen Lord and shaped under the Holy Spirit. All others in the community benefit from walking alongside the new converts and learning again to live in new life with Christ.

A sure way to lifeless worship is to hold the form of liturgy without the spirit of it. So I challenge all pastors to put the new statement on the Means of Grace before your congregations. Take a fresh look at how the Liturgy of Word and Sacrament is being conducted in your community. Teach the liturgy part by part. Restore Lent as a time of preparation and repentance, foregoing baptisms during Lent, until the Vigil of Easter. Do that, and you will find that you are in the rhythm that lends itself to the evangelization of adults.

If I could, I would love to give each congregation a quota of adult baptisms each year. Let's say one adult baptism per year for every twenty-five communing/contributing members. Is anyone up to the challenge? In most cases, we might have to do things differently. But that's what it will take to be a church in mission to the unchurched.

A step in the right direction would be to contact Rev. Bev Piro and learn from her how your congregation might move toward incorporating the Adult Catechumenate.

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1998 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION SEASON!

Forget tax season; now is Synod Assembly registration season!

Now that the April 15 tax deadline is out of the way, it's time to think about another deadline: the **May 1 Synod Assembly registration deadline!** A registration packet, including one-page registration form, was mailed to congregations in mid-March.

The assembly, which will focus on ministry with children, youth and families, is set for **June 19-21** at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Program

The theme of this year's assembly is ***Making Christ Known: Gather Us In As Family***. Helping us explore this theme will be our Bible study leader, Kristine Anderson Ostrem, an adjunct religion professor at Seattle Pacific University, and our keynote speaker, Dr. Roland Martinson, a Luther Seminary professor. Also addressing the assembly will be Dr. Joseph Wagner, our ELCA churchwide representative.

Synod Family Festival

A special Saturday afternoon event, open to congregation members throughout the synod, will offer workshops, small group activities, music, drama, games and hands-on opportunities to learn about innovative programs and resources for ministries with children, youth and families. By now your congregation has received a call inviting you to participate in this fun, carnival-style event.

Worship

Worship will be a big part of this assembly, as synod congregations lead us in a variety of worship styles, including Taize, Marty Haugen, LBW, Drews, high-tech, and contemporary.

Elections

A key piece of business to be conducted at this year's assembly will be elections of synod secretary, vice president and council members, and voting members for the 1999 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The deadline for nominations has passed, but nominations will be received from the Assembly floor, with the consent of the nominee. A nomination form was included in the April *Soundings*.

Youth Convo

High school youth participating in the Youth Convo will be an integral part of this year's assembly. A green Youth Convo registration form was included in your registration packet. **Final deadline for Youth Convo registration is June 1.**

Special Needs

Western Washington University is wheelchair accessible. It will be necessary, however, to travel short distances outdoors between the housing, food service and assembly facilities. If people with handicapping conditions wish to be voting members of the assembly, several aids can be made available to them. The registration form will include an opportunity to request aids including:

- wireless hearing aids;
- real time captioning of worship services;
- audiotapes of pre-assembly materials and materials used at plenary sessions.

WANTED! STATEMENTS OF INTENT

We're looking for *Statements of Intent* from most of the Northwest Washington Synod congregations. This is an important tool in helping us plan synod and churchwide ministry.

If you are unable to locate the form that was mailed to you in January, you can send a letter to the Synod Office giving the dollar figure that your congregation approved for your 1998 budget.

The line item we are looking for may have one of the following names:
Benevolence, Synod Support, ELCA support, or something similar. It is the undesignated Mission Support figure that we need.

Thank you for your response.

Northwest Washington Stewardship Committee

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

May 10 is Mother's Day. The Mother's Day Offering will fund congregational initiatives, leadership development and many other mission endeavors throughout our synod in 1998. Give **Mission 2000** and the Mother's Day Offering your full support. If you in need additional materials, call the Synod office at 206/783-9292.

MISSION 2000
Our mission is to make Jesus Christ known in all of Northwest Washington through intentional witness and compassionate service

FROM MARCH LWR NEWSLETTER

- This time **only** the following women's clothing may be gathered: blouses, longish skirts, pants (NO mini skirts, party-wear, undergarments, gloves, shoes, hats, scarves);

- There WILL be room for ALL you bring;
- LWR address: 390 Park Ave S, New York, NY 10016; phone: 121/5326350. To order LWR's printed material and to borrow videos, call 800/597-5972;
- Freight funds: voluntary $$s @16¢/lb to reimburse LWR for railroad costs. Make checks to Lutheran Boxcar Fund, mail or give it to The Hellings, 2370 W Viewmont Way W, Seattle, WA 98199, phone 206/285-6962;
- Loading dates: Friday, May 1 - 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday, May 2 - 8 am to noon at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, NW 85th and 25th NW.
- Box each item according to kind in sturdy boxes, pack firmly. Tape, weigh and mark contents on upper left corner. Tally totals of items on sheet, with name of church, contents.

GIFT OF GRACE, RECONCILED IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

Gift of Grace in Wallingford recently voted to adopt the *Affirmation of Welcome*, a simple, but powerful statement of welcome to gay and lesbian people. This statement reflects the call to the people of God to minister to all people and to be agents of healing within our society. It specifically affirms an openness to gay and lesbian people.

Welcome & Praise

Gift of Grace is a *Fresh Start* congregation renewing its mission specifically in the Wallingford (Seattle) community. This affirmation opens new avenues of ministry and service.

LSS — BIG MOVE TO SEATTLE

The Northwest Area Office of Lutheran Social Services will move its main administrative office to the Cascade neighborhood in Seattle **(see insert for invitation to the dedication on June 28)**. While the move will bolster the agency's presence in King County, services will continue to be provided in Snohomish County from our brance office in Lynnwood and in local congregations.

Our new address and phone numbers, **effective June 1, 1998,** will be: Lutheran Social Services, 433 Minor Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109. Seattle/S. King phone: 206/694-5700 (***new!***); Fax: 206/694-5777 (***new!***); Snohomish County phone: 425/672-6009; Eastside phone: 425/644-4735.

FELLOWSHIP OF RECOVERING LUTHERAN CLERGY

The Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy (FRLC) is a non-profit fellowship of ordained Lutheran clergy who support each other recovering from alcoholism. FRLC has a new web site.

The site address is:
http://www.webworksltd.com/f/frlc.html.

For more information call Rev. Ed Treat, Minden, NE, 308/832-1886; e-mail: bethany-minden@navix.net.

EVENTS

AROUND THE WORLD IN THREE DAYS

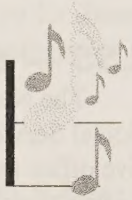
The ***Global Mission Event***, held at four different sites, will feature international guests and missionaries from every corner of the world.

COMMUNICATE hope

Participants can choose to attend this event at: **LaCrosse, WI - July 9-12**; **Troy, NY - July 16-19**; **San José, CA - July 23-26**; or **San Juan, Puerto Rico - Oct. 30-Nov.1**.

Registration brochures were included in the March/April Action Packet. For more information, call 1/800/216-5006.

GRUNEWALD BENEFIT RECITAL

Organist David Dahl will give a recital on the new Gottsfried and Mary Fuchs Organ at Pacific Lutheran University on **June 6**. This benefit recital for the Grunewald Guild, Leavenworth, will be the first given on this world-class instrument which took three years to build. Included in the benefit, which **begins at 3:30 pm and concludes at about 7:00 pm**, will be a visit to the Paul Fritts shop, where the organ was built, and a buffet meal.

Contact the Guild for more details and to make reservations: 509/763-3693; e-mail: grugild@televar.com.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CAUCUS

What Do Women Expect in Ordained Ministry? will be presented by the Puget Sound Chapter of the Lutheran Women's Caucus, **Saturday, May 16, at 11:45 am** at Central Lutheran Church, 11th and E Olive, Seattle.

Speakers are three interns who have completed two years of seminary studies in preparation for ordained ministry, and will return to their respective seminaries next year to complete their theological studies. Suzanne Burke is an intern at Central Lutheran, Bellingham; Sarah France, at Our Savior's Lutheran, Everett; and Katy McCallum, at Central Lutheran, Everett.

The meeting begins with shared finger food; bring cup or mug for beverages. The luncheon and the program are open to the public. There is no charge. For information, call: 425/747-5924.

REPEAT FROM APRIL ISSUE:

- ***APLLM Conference, Cannon Beach* - May 11-14.** - theme: *Here I Am*; speakers and Bible study leaders: Pastors Nancy Winder and Ron Moe-Lobeda. Questions? Contact Janet Lund, 509/575-6492.
- ***Ministry, Vocation, Family Workshop* - Monday, May 4**, Gethsemane Lutheran, Seattle. The workshop, led by Larry Gaffin, is sponsored by by Consultation to Clergy and the bishops of Region I. Contact Dr. Eldon Olson, 911 Stewart St, Seattle, WA 98101; e-mail: eldonolson@aol.com.

CALLAHAN LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Two separate and unique opportunities are open to all ELCA, LCMS and ecumenical partners who register for the Kennon Callahan seminars: ***Stewardship, Evangelism and Worship*** and ***A New Look at the 12 Keys.***

The first seminar is May 28-30; the second May 31-June 1.

Both seminars will be held at Pacific Lutheran University. Please register as soon as possible. Call Cathie Carlisle, 206/624-0093, for further information.

HOW TO START A HEALTHY MINISTRY

Clergy, nurses, and lay ministers who attend to the body, mind and spirit are invited to attend an information session on ***How to Start a Healthy Ministry.*** The sessions will be held in the following locations:

June 2 - 7:30 pm - United Methodist Church, Kent; Contact Patricia Truitt - 253/630-1268.

June 3 - 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue; contact Vicky Kirn - 425/643-00630.

June 11 - 7:00 pm - Spirit of Christ Lutheran, Everett; contact Sandra Hughes - 425/743-2049.

June 18 - 7:00 pm - Plymouth Congregational, UCC, Seattle; contact Karen Gwilym - 206/463-6156.

Over 4000 congregations throughout this country are involved in health ministry and parish nursing programs.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

SUMMER AT GRUNEWALD GUILD

The summer program at Grunewald Guild, Leavenworth, **begins June 22 and ends August 27.**

Weeks one through nine include sessions on stained glass, photography, watercolor, mixed media, woodcarving, etc. *Creating Sacred Space* is the workshop for week ten, **August 24-27.** Church architect Larry Abell and Liturgical consultant Richard Caemmerer invite pastors, artists, building committee and altar guild members to bring blueprints and photos of their worship spaces for a hands-on look at how the sacred applies to our spaces and our people.

Contact the Guild at 509/763-3693 for registration information and the fee schedule.

SPLASH!

LBIS will host a ***Splash*** event **June 12-13.** ***Splash*** links teams from several congregations through three events with staff persons, flexible resources, and a support system for more effective mission and ministry.

Deadline for registrations is **May 12.** For more information contact Dr. Roy Harrisville III, LBIS, 4221 228th Ave SE, Issaquah, WA 98029-9299; 425/961-5534; e-mail: royh@lbi.edu.

ECUMENICAL YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Youth and Family Institute of Augsburg College ecumenical youth and family ministry leadership conference will be held on campus at Augsburg College from **July 20-24.**

For more information call the Augsburg Youth and Family Institute, 612/330-1624, or send requests via e-mail to: afyi@augsburg.edu.

FUTURIST THEOLOGY AND THE MILLENNIUM

Concordia University, Portland, offers a theological seminar **May 15-16** with an opportunity to explore: *What the future holds as we move toward 2000? Will Christ return soon? What is the power of the future?*

For more information, contact: Professor Norman Metzler, Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman, Portland, OR 97211; or call 503/493-6493.

PARISH NURSE COURSE

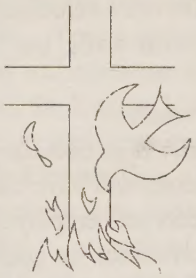
PLU's Continuing Nursing Education program will offer *Introduction to Parish Nursing* **June 1-2** and **July 21-22**

This course examines the components necessary for developing an effective parish nursing practice and health ministry. It is designed to provide experienced RNs (two years' experience) with an overview of practice issues and approaches of individuals and groups within a faith community.

For an informational brochure contact PLU, Center for Continued Nursing Learning, Tacoma, WA 98447-0003; phone: 253/535-7683; fax: 253/535-7590; e-mail: ccnl@plu.edu.

SUMMER THEOLOGICAL PROGRAMS

July 12-16 - Through lectures and workshops, this year's ***PLU'S SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY*** will explore the bible, theological, and social implications for the mission of today's church. The following faculty will be featured: **Patrick Keifert**, Professor of Systematic Theology, Luther Seminary; **Doug Oakman**, Associate Professor of Religion, PLU; and **Sharon Parks,** Lecturer and Director of the Whidbey Institute. GEM scholarships and CEU credit is offered by Lutheran Educational Network and Support (LENS).



ST. OLAF COLLEGE, Northfield, MN, will offer two events. The first event is the **July 20-24** ***St. Olaf Conferences on Theology and Music***; the second event is an **August 2-8** preaching workshop led by Dr. Alvin Rueter, ***Making Good Preaching Better.*** For more information contact Rev. John Gordor, Director of Church Relations, St. Olaf College, 507/646-3842, or e-mail at: gorderj@stolaf.edu.

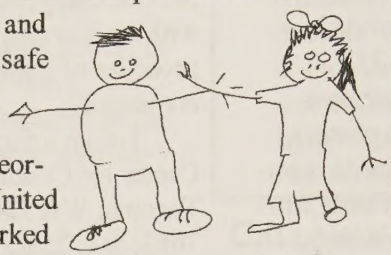
GETTYSBURG LUTHERAN SEMINARY offers ***Learning to Live the Questions: Ethics and the Community of Faith,*** a summer program devoted to: 1) ethical questions which affect our lives; 2) the church's response; and 3) strategies for pastoral care. The program **begins Sunday, July 7, and concludes Friday, July 10.** For more information call 717/334-6286, ext. 3016. GEM Scholarships available for rostered church leaders with covenant on file.

RESOURCES

SAFE SANCTUARIES

A new resource designed to reduce the risk of child abuse in the church has just been released by Discipleship Resources, a publishing arm of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

Safe Sanctuaries: Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in the Church, by **Joy Thornburg Melton**, provides guidance to help churches develop policies and procedures for reducing the risk of child abuse and offers strategies for conducting safe ministries. Melton, a Christian educator and a lawyer, is an ordained deacon in the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She has worked for the last several years with her conference on strategies for child abuse risk reduction.



Citing statistics from the National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect, Melton reports that more than two million incidents of abuse and neglect are reported each year in the United States. Congregations are often reluctant to admit that child abuse could occur within their walls, but Melton makes the following points:

- Child abuse can take place anywhere.
- The risk for churches is especially high because churches are relatively trusting organizations and have historically been reluctant to screen volunteers and employees.
- churches provide frequent opportunities for adults to develop close personal relationships with children.
- Churches should not shy away from ministries with children and youth, but they should work to assure that all ministries are conducted safely.

Safe Sanctuaries defines the scope of child abuse, outlines the different types of abuse, notes the indicators of abuse, discusses the legal requirements for reporting abuse, and provides guidelines for screening and hiring workers. The book also outlines basic procedures of safe ministry with children and youth and outlines a congregational plan for responding to allegations of abuse.

Sample forms are included for screening workers, doing reference checks, and reporting suspected abuse. A training session plan for people who work with children and youth is outlined and a bibliography of suggested resources is included.

Safe Sanctuaries (order number DR220) is available through Discipleship Resources on the Internet at: http://www.discipleshipresourcees.org or by writing P.O. Box 1616, Alpharetta, GA 30009-1616; phone: 1-800-685-4370; Fax: 770-442-9742.

AUGSBURG COLLEGE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN, has established the Legacy Scholarship Program in an effort to affirm and continue traditions, uniqueness and history valued by the college.

The program has three essential components: (1) a minimum scholarship for the spouses and children of current ELCA pastors; (2) a minimum scholarship for the spouses, children and grandchildren of Augsburg graduates, and (3) a tuition benefit for families with more than one child at Augsburg.

For more information call the Augsburg College Admissions Office, 612/330-1001 or 800/788-5678.

NEED A VIDEO?

Need a stewardship video? an anniversary video? a video to welcome new members? a youth ministry video? We can help!

We are **Vide*Oh*!** the production arm of Evergreen Youth Television, an eight-year-old ELCA video training program for young people. Young producers are available to help congregations, Synod, and community organizations tell their story through videos. Trained during an intensive workshop at Pacific Lutheran University, each young person is equipped to script, shoot, and edit a low-cost quality video.

Call Pastor Dave Ellingson or Trevor at 800/755-5831 or visit the website at evergreentv.com.

(Excerpted from information from the Southwestern Minnisota Synod)

TORNADO DAMAGE TO GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS

Information about damage to Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, as a result of tornadoes on Sunday, March 29, has been posted in several meetings on LutherLink and Ecunet. Unfortunately, not all of this information has been accurate...

Resumption of classes is planned for the week after Easter. Fortunately, most students were not on campus when the storm struck...

Physical damage to the college buildings and campus is significant, but all buildings appear to be repairable. A few buildings have sustained structural damage. On most buildings the damage is more limited. In particular, CHRIST CHAPEL HAS NOT BEEN DESTROYED (as was reported in at least one message), but has sustained some damage. There are many broken windows, damaged vehicles and downed trees on campus. ..

Please correct any inaccurate information about damage to the College that has been distributed. Although the physical damage to the campus is real, the College will recover quickly and it will continue its educational mission with strength. And we invite all to join us in prayer for the students, faculty and staff of the College, as well as for the residents of St. Peter and other communities affected by this storm.

Southwestern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
175 East Bridge St, PO Box 499
Redwood Falls, MN
Telephone: 507-637-3904
Fax:507-637-2809

KIDS TO CONVO?

Are you sending some people to the Youth Convocation going on during Synod Assembly? It's a great way to learn how the church works. For more information, check with your Synod Youth leaders listed in the *JUST-ABOUT-EVERYTHING-PAGES.*

YOUTH LEADERSHIP EVENTS AT PLU

Five great youth ministry training events taking place **from mid-July to early August** at PLU:

Evergreen Youth Television - July 18 - August 1, 1998 - deadline for this workshop is already here and we are now in the process of selecting 16 talented youth for this exciting experience. For information about Evergreen you can call 1-800-878-7280 or visit our web site at www.evergreentv.com.

Rainbow of Gifts (a multicultural event) - July 26 - 30, 1998 - This event will bring together youth of the least-represented cultures in the ELCA for the purpose of sharing and strengthening one another's gifts in service to church and community. Young people from ninth grade into young adulthood will celebrate the abundance of God's grace. Please call the Region 1 office, 206-624-0093 for registration materials or questions.

Holy Commotion - July 26 - 30, 1998 - It's an opportunity for musicians, instrumental and vocal, from high school youth to adults to learn how to serve their churches by using their musical gifts in an intensive workshop which focuses on preparing musicians to be effective leaders. Directed by Tom Almli and led by the exciting musical groups of Pulpit Rock and Dakota Road Music. Registration materials should already be at your church. Call Laurie Howe at 253-531-6887 if you have questions.

NWWA/SWWA Leadership Training School - July 24 - 28, 1998 - Be a part of this outstanding growth opportunity for youth leaders and adults who work with youth and at the same time take advantage of all the other happenings at PLU during this time. See page 20 of your **JUST-ABOUT-EVERYTHING-PAGES** for registration matrials or contact Keith Purves at 425-255-7452 for further information or to answer any questions you may have.

Association of LC Musicians Workshop - July 26 - 30, 1998 - led by Jim Holloway, Minister through Music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland.

For further information contact Pastor David Ellingson or Janet Nelson at Region 1 ELCA, 206/624-0093 (outside Western Washington, 1-800/755-5831.

MISCELLANEOUS/YOUTH NEWS

WANT ADS

SYNOD COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

The Northwest Washington Synod is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Communication Specialist. The position will include responsibility for a variety of communication tasks including synod publications, news releases and contacts with outside media, and coordination of the synod web page. Attendance at Synod staff meetings, annual Synod Assembly, and other Synod/Churchwide events required.

Qualifications: strong people skills; BA in communications or equivalent work experience; computer expertise; ability to work independently and with Synod staff; helpful to know Lutheran church organization.

Please submit letter of interest, resume and writing sample by May 12, 1998, to Personnel Committee, Northwest Washington Synod, 5519 Phinney Ave No, Seattle, WA 98103-5899; FAX 206/783-9833; internet.

MUSICIAN

Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, Everett, is seeking a part-time Minister of Music position.

Qualifications: Ability to participate and lead a growing music program and congregation; proficient on electronic organ and other keyboards; ability to work with and direct adult and youth choirs; knowledge, creativity and flexibility in music and worship styles. Contract and salary negotiable.

Please respond with resume and cover letter to Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 12322 Airport Road, Everett, WA 98204. For additional questions contact Pastor Gary Dalenius at 425/353-7344.

SECRETARY/ RECEPTIONIST

Lutheran Brotherhood has a full-time position available for a secretary/receptionist.

Qualifications: good phone, organizational/ typing skills, working knowledge of Windows 95 and Word for Windows; ability to work calmly, efficiently, independently and as part of a team; ability to follow written and oral instructions; self-motivated; familiar with Christian/Lutheran Church.

To apply contact Christine Brass or Kristi Hearn at 206/523-0009.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Lutheran Brotherhood needs responsible, reliable high school students for light office work.

Work up to 20 hours/week; flexible hours, weekday afternoons doing filing, mailings, agency projects, copying/faxing/couriering, light office cleaning. Contact Kristi at 206/523-0009.

PART-TIME CONTEMPORARY MUSICIAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church has a part-time position available for a musician/coordinator with experience in contemporary Christian music, to share in worship leadership, help plan a weekly Saturday, 5:00 pm service and coordinate publicity.

Send resume by May 15 to Luther Memorial Church, 13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133; 206/364-2510.

YOUTH AND FAMILY DIRECTOR

Camano Lutheran Church, Camano Island, has a full time position for a Youth and Family Director.

Requirements: strong Christian faith, showing knowledge of the Bible and of Lutheran theology; ability to relate well with youth and adults; strong organizational and planning skills; ability to organize and motivate people of different ages; valid Washington State driver's license, insurable; music aptitude a plus.

Send resume, transcript, and three current references to Camano Lutheran Church, 850 N Heichel Rd, Camano Island, WA 98292. Fax: 360/629-0205. Call 360/629-4592 for complete job description.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Kent Lutheran Church has a part-time position for an administrative secretary to provide clerical and other support services. Church office experience preferred. Requires computer, typing, proofreading, verbal and written communication skills. Ability to supervise volunteers, meet and work with great diversity of people and maintain confidentiality. Send resume to Secretary Search Committee, Kent Lutheran Church 336 Second Ave S, Kent, WA 98032.

INTERNATIONAL VACANCIES

The following overseas positions are open:

Director, Wittenberg Center for Continuing Education (Germany);

Pastor, International Church of Copenhagen, Denmark

Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, (Frankfurt, Germany)

For additional information, contact Harold T. Hanson, Director for International Personnel, ELCA Division for Global Missions, ELCA, 8765 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, Ill 60631-4192.

FREE MUSIC SUPPLEMENTS

Cross of Christ Lutheran, 411 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007, 425/746-7300, has 250 copies of music supplement, CHRISTIAN AWAKE to give away.

Family News

Richard (Dick) G. Nieman

Richard G. Nieman, age 63, died March 20, 1998 after a short battle with pneumonia. He was born in Walla Walla, WA, December 16, 1934, to Gus H and Clara I Nieman. He received a BA degree from PLU in 1957 and Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA in 1961; he was ordained June 11, 1961 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Spokane.

He was the founding pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Milton-Freewater, OR (1961-1966); Associate Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Church, Seattle (1966-1972); pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Spokane (1972-1978); and pastor of Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Redmond (1984-1996). He served as Executive Assistant to the Bishop the North Pacific District, American Lutheran Church (ALC) and as Director for Mission Awareness for the North Pacific District, ALC, before becoming pastor of Sammamish Hills Lutheran. He also served on the Board of Congregational Life for the ELCA. He obtained his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Seattle's Northwest Theological Union, June 11, 1989.

Pastor Nieman was an active member of the Kiwanis Club. Among his many hobbies, he enjoyed photography, singing, astronomy and especially fine woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Stella Nieman (nee Anderson); daughters Diane Nieman-Gunstone of Sequim, WA, and Phyllis A Rasco of Mercer Island, WA; son Mark R Nieman of Bellevue, WA; three grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews; brother Robert V Nieman, Friday Harbor; and sister Dorothy J Anderson of Bow, WA.

An Opportunity to Remember and Reflect

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Seattle will host an event on Sunday, May 17, at 4:00 pm for a gathering of those who knew Pastor L.B. "Mac" McCullough (Luther Memorial's pastor from 1957 to 1969, who died February 24). Conversation and a coffee hour will reflect our intention for sharing and simplicity. Members of the family plan to be present.

Within Our Family . . .

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are extended to the following families:

- **Stella Nieman and family** upon the death of her husband, **Richard Nieman**, on March 20.
- **Clarence and Helen Solberg** on the death of Clarence's sister, **Eunice May Neshein**, a resident of North Dakota;
- **Grant and Phyllis Gard** on the death of Phyllis' mother, **Ragnild Arntzen**, a member of Burlington Lutheran Lutheran Church;
- **Jim and Carol Rismiller** on the death of Carol's father, **Carl Olson**, in Shoreline.
- The **Rorem family** reports that son **Richard** is home from the hospital and a full recovery is expected. Praise to God! and thanks for all your prayers.
- We celebrate with **Donene and Bob Blair** on the birth of their grandson, **Mika Ashton Arvin**, on March 24.

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SYNOD CALENDAR

May

2 Initial Calling Workshop, Hope, Seattle
4 *Praying the Liturgical Seasons*, 9:00 am, Dominican Retreat Center, Edmonds
5 Finance Committee, 7:00 pm, Prince of Peace, Shoreline
6 Executive Committee, 7:30 am, Synod Office
9 Ecumenical Summit, 9:00 am, St John, Seattle
9 Stewardship Days 98, First of Richmond Beach, Shoreline
13 Cluster Deans, 10 am, Synod Office
14 Board of Congregational Life, 7:30 pm, Hope, Seattle
16 **Synod Council**, 8:30 am, Faith, Redmond
20 Synod Assembly planning, 11 am, Our Saviour's, Bellingham
21 **Bishop's Convocation,** Prince of Peace, Shoreline, 8:30 am
25 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY–SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
27 Gloria Dei Committee, 11:00 am, Synod Office
28 Bishop's Convo Committee, 10:00 am, Central, Everett
28-6/1 Callahan Worship/Evangelism/Stewardship/12 Keys events, PLU

June

3 Executive Committee, 7:30 am, Synod Office
12-14 "Splash! Ripple of the Baptized" Ministry in Daily Life Event, LBI
12-14 Lutheran Men in Mission convention, LBI
18 Executive Committee, Western Washington University, Bellingham
19 Synod Council, Western Washington University, Bellingham
19-21 SYNOD ASSEMBLY, Western Washington University, Bellingham
28 Dedication of LSSW new office site, 3:00 pm, 433 Minor Ave N, Seattle

July

7 Finance Committee, 7:00 pm, Prince of Peace, Shoreline
25 Synod Council
26-30 "Rainbow of Gifts" Multicultural Youth Leadership Conference, PLU

August

3 Ecumenical Commission, noon, Synod Office
15 Initial Calling Workshop, Salem, Mt Vernon

SYNOD TRANSITIONS

CALLS ACCEPTED

Peter Y. Lai	Region 1 Coordinator for Congregational Ministries	04/01/98

INSTALLATIONS
None this month

ORDINATION/COMMISSIONING
None this month

RETIREMENTS
None this month

DEATH

Richard G. Nieman	03/20/98

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS
None this month

RESIGNATIONS
None this month

TRANSFERS IN/OUT OF SYNOD
None this month

CONGREGATIONS/AGENCIES IN CALL PROCESS **V**=Vacancy
C=Calling **NV**=New Vacancy **Int**=Interim **S**=Synod Call **I**=Interviewing

Bellevue, St Luke (A)	V	Tom Kidd, Pastor
Everett, Faith	Int	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Everett, Spirit of Christ	Int	Gary Dalenius, Interim
Seattle, Bethel Chinese	V	
Seattle, Calvary	C	Julie Josund, Interim
Seattle, NESLYA	NV	
Sedro Woolley, Bethlehem	Int	Robert Roiko, Interim
Silvana, Peace	Int	Larry Olsen, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	Int	Arden Barden, Interim

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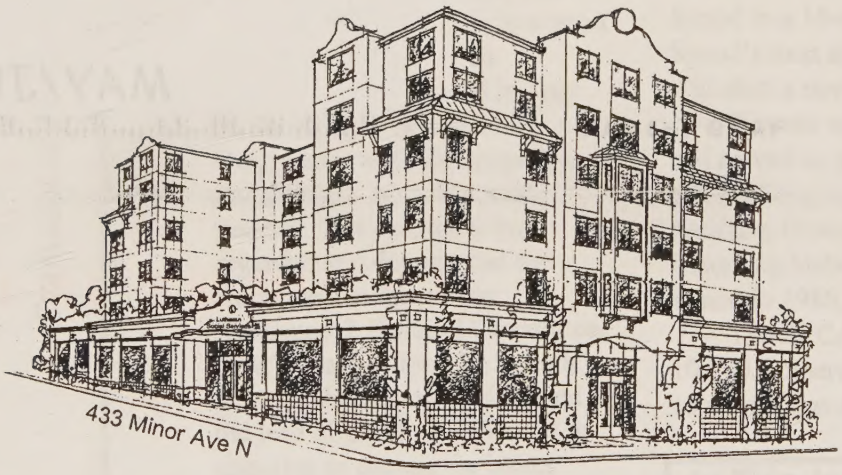

Dedication of our *NEW* Seattle site

Sunday, June 28 – 3:00pm

433 Minor Ave N (corner of Minor & Republican)

Bishop Don Maier & Rev. Clem Pera, presiding

Tours and refreshments following

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